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CIA still needed, Bush says

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George Bush, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said here last night that Americans shouldn't dwell on the CIA's "excesses of the past," but should view the agency as an asset.

"I don't want to spend my time as director of this rather controversial agency looking back," he said.

Bush, speaking in the Vickers Memorial Lecture Series, addressed a crowd of about 1,000 in the University Theatre.

He was greeted as he arrived at the theater by a group of about 50 protesters carrying signs that said "CIA Out Of Campus" and chanting anti-CIA slogans. The protest was sponsored by the Iranian Students Association.

BUSH SPOKE JUST hours after the release of a 651-page report by the Senate Intelligence Committee, which said investigators found "duplication, waste, inertia and ineffectiveness in the intelligence community."

Bush said he had presented the final testimony to the committee yesterday morning before release of the report.

He said the report was one, "some of which I'll agree with, some not," but he declined to elaborate on the specifics of it.

Bush did say he objected to release of the CIA budget, a matter that the Senate committee voted to let the entire Senate decide.

CIA budgets are given to congressional committees, Bush said, but the budget shouldn't be made public because that would jeopardize CIA sources and would be in conflict with the 1947 law that established the CIA.

"THE CIA REPORTS every penny of its budget to congressional oversight committees," he said. "But I don't believe giving Congress something of that nature is incompatible with not giving them to the public."

Bush said he couldn't promise an end to covert operations by the CIA or to the CIA's practice of employing college students and faculty members to do some of its spying.

"I would not rule out all further covert activity," he said. "We need a covert capability, very, very carefully used."

Bush said that the Senate committee hadn't prohibited the use of secret operations, and that the committee's chairman, Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, voiced approval of some covert activity in his final report.

Covert operations are the only possible action in some cases, Bush said.

"SOMEWHERE BETWEEN sending in the Marines and sitting on your hands you must do something. We probably need some kind of such capability," he said.

Bush said he believed it was the right of college students and teachers to volunteer for CIA service without being reprimanded by academic institutions.

There is no Constitutional barrier preventing college instructors and students from helping the CIA, he said, and such a practice doesn't "pollute the academic atmosphere."

The Senate Intelligence Committee

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Markert, who is leaving KU at the end of the semester to return to Central Missouri State University, said she was concerned that field hockey was cut entirely from the budget.

"Field hockey is just a low priority sport as far as the athletic director is concerned," she said.

She said she hoped the Senate would support the field hockey team.

"THE MONEY shouldn't be for hockey," she said, "it should be for Women's Intercollegiate Athletics and should have been requested in the first place."

Tasheff said she thought Washington hadn't wanted to cut field hockey, but had had to make a value judgment concerning the competition and popular interest in the sport.

Grubaugh said if the Senate didn't fund women's field hockey as an intercollegiate sport, it might apply to the Senate for funds as a club. She said that as a club it would probably require less money and might be funded.

WASHINGTON, HOWEVER, said she was seeking funds for field hockey as an intercollegiate sport and wanted to keep it under the intercollegiate program.

Women's field hockey is a six-year program. Emporia Kansas State College is the only other state school with a field hockey team.

Report said the CIA "is using several hundred American university administrators, professors and graduate students for intelligence and propaganda purposes."

BUSH CONCEDED THAT the CIA's powers had been misused in the past, saying there were "a number of abuses that were just flat wrong."

But he denied that the CIA was currently conducting any domestic spying, although he admitted it had been involved in domestic affairs before he became director. "I can't justify it," he said. "It shouldn't be done; it's not being done. When it was being done it was wrong."

Bush said the Senate investigations hadn't revealed any indication of CIA domestic activity.

He said there was a tendency to emphasize CIA failures in the past without acknowledging its successes.

"No matter how divergent our opinions are on the steps in the past, I think we can agree that certain intelligence is essential."

IN ASSESSING THE world situation, Bush said that he thought terrorism would increase sharply in many countries soon, and that terrorism would become a major problem for countries such as the United States.

Nuclear proliferation has steadily increased the possibility that terrorist groups

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might eventually steal nuclear weapons, he said.

Bush also said he thought Soviet military expansion over the past few years had emphasized modernization, not expansion. He said Soviet military installations were built to emphasize defense, but the Soviets had only a limited anti-ballistic missile system.

Bush said that 12,000 to 15,000 Cuban troops sent to aid the Communist faction recently in the Angolan civil war hadn't returned home.

THOSE TROOPS WILL probably remain in Angola for "some time to come," Bush said. He said some of those troops might be used to help Communist groups in Rhodesia and other African countries.

He also said there were Cuban troops in some African countries serving as military advisers.

Bush spoke while the protesters marched outside the theater, chanting objections to Bush's appearance.

Bush acknowledged the protesters at the opening of his speech.

"I couldn't help but notice the reception committee outside the door," he said. "Isn't it nice to be back from China, where that wouldn't be possible?"

Bush was referring to the 14 months he spent as U. S. envoy to China, a post he left when named director of the CIA last November.



Defending the CIA

Staff Photo by JAY KOELZER

George Bush, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, spoke to a crowd at the University Theatre last night as part of the Vickers Memorial Lecture series. The series was established in 1970 in honor of J.A. Vickers, founder of the Vickers Petroleum Company and a former student at the University of Kansas.